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SMALLPOX.

What appears to be the virulent type of smallpox is reported at Worcester, Mass., where during the month of April there were reported 5 cases with 2 deaths. During the first 15 days of May 10 additional cases were reported.

SCARLET FEVER.

PREVALENCE IN CITIES DURING 1916.¹

The table which follows shows the recorded prevalence of scarlet fever during the year 1916 in cities of the United States having over 100,000 population. The cities have been divided into groups according to their population and arranged in each group in the order of the prevalence of the disease as indicated by the recorded cases. Data are given for all the cities of the United States having an estimated population of 100,000 or over as of July 1, 1916, with the exception of Cambridge, Mass., and Memphis, Tenn.

City.	Indicated case rate per 1,000 inhabitants.	Indicated fatality rate per 100 cases.	Cases reported.	Deaths registered.	Indicated death rate per 1,000 inhabitants.	Population July 1, 1916 (estimated by U. S. Census Bureau).
Over 500,000 inhabitants:						
Los Angeles, Cal.	0.711	1.40	358	5	0.010	503,812
Philadelphia, Pa.	.976	2.40	1,668	40	.023	1,709,518
New York, N. Y.	1.038	1.65	5,814	96	.017	5,602,841
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.160	2.68	672	18	.031	579,090
Cleveland, Ohio	1.285	4.62	866	40	.059	674,073
Baltimore, Md.	1.638	3.11	966	30	.051	589,621
St. Louis, Mo.	1.809	3.28	1,370	45	.059	757,309
Boston, Mass.	2.332	2.21	1,764	39	.052	756,476
Detroit, Mich.	3.330	2.99	1,904	57	.100	571,784
Chicago, Ill.	3.476	1.84	8,681	160	.064	2,497,722
From 300,000 to 500,000 inhabitants:						
New Orleans, La.	.269	1.00	100	1	.003	371,747
Seattle, Wash.	.404	.....	141	.....	.....	348,639
Cincinnati, Ohio	.955	.51	392	2	.005	410,476

¹ The data in the table are taken from the article "The notifiable diseases—Prevalence during 1916 in cities of over 100,000," Pub. Health Repts., Apr. 27, 1917, pp. 595-607.

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SCARLET FEVER—Continued.

City.	Indicated case rate per 1,000 inhabit- ants.	Indicated fatality rate per 100 cases.	Cases reported.	Deaths regis- tered.	Indicated death rate per 1,000 inhabit- ants.	Popula- tion July 1, 1916 (esti- mated by U. S. Census Bureau).
From 300,000 to 500,000 inhabitants—Con.						
Buffalo, N. Y.	1.315	4.38	1 616	27	.058	468,558
Washington, D. C.	1.456	1.13	530	6	.016	363,980
Minneapolis, Minn.	1.714	2.57	623	16	.044	363,454
Jersey City, N. J.	2.119	1.69	649	11	.036	306,345
Newark, N. J.	2.164	.79	885	7	.017	408,894
San Francisco, Cal.	2.572	.67	1,192	8	.017	463,516
Milwaukee, Wis.	3.629	2.59	1,584	41	.094	463,535
From 200,000 to 300,000 inhabitants:						
Louisville, Ky.	.343	.....	82	.....	.....	238,910
Rochester, N. Y.	1.076	.36	1 276	1	.004	256,417
Denver, Colo.	1.166	.....	304	.....	.....	260,800
Columbus, Ohio	1.219	1.91	262	5	.023	214,878
Portland, Oreg.	1.327	.26	392	1	.003	295,463
St. Paul, Minn.	1.395	2.32	345	8	.032	247,232
Indianapolis, Ind.	1.660	2.44	451	11	.040	271,708
Providence, R. I.	2.938	1.75	749	14	.055	254,960
Kansas City, Mo.	3.710	6.33	1,105	70	.235	297,847
From 100,000 to 200,000 inhabitants:						
Tacoma, Wash.	.293	.....	33	.....	.....	112,770
Fort Worth, Tex.	.402	.....	42	.....	.....	104,562
San Antonio, Tex.	.501	.....	62	.....	.....	123,831
Houston, Tex.	.552	.....	62	.....	.....	112,307
Spokane, Wash.	.565	1.18	85	1	.007	150,323
Birmingham, Ala.	.627	1.75	114	2	.011	181,762
Fall River, Mass.	.647	2.41	83	2	.016	128,366
Camden, N. J.	.668	1.41	1 71	1	.009	106,233
Nashville, Tenn.	.812	1.05	95	1	.009	117,057
Paterson, N. J.	.816	2.65	113	3	.022	138,443
Trenton, N. J.	.842	1.06	94	1	.009	111,593
Dallas, Tex.	.883	.91	110	1	.008	124,527
Atlanta, Ga.	.892	.59	170	1	.005	190,558
Lowell, Mass.	.901	5.88	102	6	.053	113,245
Lawrence, Mass.	.945	4.21	95	4	.040	100,560
Bridgeport, Conn.	.962	3.42	117	4	.033	121,579
Scranton, Pa.	.967	.70	142	1	.007	146,811
Des Moines, Iowa	.974	5.05	99	5	.049	101,598
New Bedford, Mass.	1.007	1.68	119	2	.017	118,158
Hartford, Conn.	1.136	.79	126	1	.009	110,900
Syracuse, N. Y.	1.195	.54	186	1	.006	155,624
New Haven, Conn.	1.236	2.70	185	5	.033	149,685
Richmond, Va.	1.410	.90	221	2	.013	156,687
Oakland, Cal.	1.415	.....	281	.....	.....	198,604
Worcester, Mass.	1.561	.78	255	2	.012	163,314
Youngstown, Ohio	1.587	3.49	172	6	.055	108,385
Albany, N. Y.	1.718	.....	179	.....	.....	104,199
Reading, Pa.	2.148	3.83	235	9	.082	109,381
Springfield, Mass.	2.265	1.25	240	3	.028	105,942
Lynn, Mass.	2.695	1.09	276	3	.029	102,425
Salt Lake City, Utah	3.561	1.67	418	7	.060	117,399
Grand Rapids, Mich.	3.718	.63	477	3	.023	128,291
Toledo, Ohio	3.962	1.05	759	8	.042	191,554
Omaha, Nebr.	7,748	4.84	1,282	62	.375	165,470
Dayton, Ohio	10.698	1.03	1,361	14	.110	127,224

¹ The health officer states that cases are known not to be completely reported.

CONTROL OF POLIOMYELITIS.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTROL OF POLIOMYELITIS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL BOARDS OF HEALTH OF NORTH AMERICA, MAY 2 AND 3, 1917.

The Conference of State and Provincial Boards of Health of North America, held at Washington, D. C., May 2 and 3, 1917, adopted a report of the committee on measures for the control of poliomyelitis

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